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want
to know
what
I'm
buying.

ATTENTION: Docket #98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production,
Processing and Handling of Food, July 19, 1999

Comments on accurate irradiated food labeling. The FDA needs to
require irradiated food labeling that: 1) Clearly displayed labels
for easy view; 2) Use easy-to-understand wording on label; 3) Use
terms like "irradiation" or "irradiated"; 4) Use the radura symbol;
and 5) Permanently require labeling on all irradiated foods.

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I oppose the following alternative words on irradiated food labels
as they're misleading and should not be used: Cold Pasteurization &
Electronic Pasteurization. A weak irradiation label on such foods is
also misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and nutrients
in foods. Radiolytic toxins occur in irradiated foods—formaldehyde,
benzene and others—that are harmful to human health. There's been
inadequate safety testing of biological effects of irradiation on food
by radiolytic products & free radical toxins. Irradiation causes other
changes in spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected.

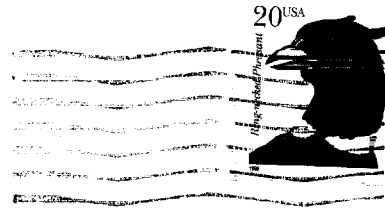
If I knew something was irradiated, I would
Sincerely, not buy it.

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